

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Fern Hill, and we are richer because Fern lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Fern was born December 28, 1904, to Lewis and Gertrude Young in Rapid City, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Fern graduated from Scenic High School in 1922, attended Black Hills Normal earning a teaching permit, and taught school for several years; and,

Whereas, Fern married Cliff Hill on December 28, 1927, and to this union four children were born: Betty, Arthur, Marjorie, and Mary Lou; and,

Whereas, Fern is a member of the South Park United Church of Christ, an active member of the Minneluzahan Senior Center; and plays cards almost every evening; and,

Whereas, Fern will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 28, 2004, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her friends and her relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State